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BLM ANNOUNCES RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet on August 17 and 18, at the El Rancho, at the intersection of 6th Street and Lake Street in Wells, Nev. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. each day.

The first day will be a field tour of Spruce Mountain. The tour will depart the El Rancho at 8:30 a.m. and should return by 4:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome to participate in the field tour but need to provide their own transportation and lunch. High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are required for the tour.

Topics to be discussed at the Friday business meeting include a discussion of the Spruce Mountain Tour, the Ely Biomass Program, Fire update of the 2006 season, Grazing Permit Renewal update, Mining update, and Field Managers/District Rangers reports. A public comment period will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and discussion of issues related to management of BLM administered public lands. The three Resource Advisory Councils in Nevada accommodate this community participation directive. The Councils' membership represents interests in mining, environmental, wild horse and burro, Native American, livestock, state agencies, and elected officials.

The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands. Meetings are open to the public and public comment periods are included in each meeting. This forum provides an opportunity for people to ask questions of the citizen-based advisory council or to make comments that may assist RACs in their planning efforts. For more information about the RAC meeting, contact Mike Brown at the BLM Elko Field Office, (775) 753-0386.